WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   An index validation system, comprising:

a processor; and

a validator accessible by the processor, the validator adapted to access index data corresponding to video data and validate the index data after editing of the video data.

2.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to determine an indexing scheme for the video data.

3.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to determine whether the index data defines a time-based indexing scheme for the video data.

4.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to determine whether the index data defines a scene-based indexing scheme for the video data.

5.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to obtain image data for a frame of the video data identified by the index data before editing of the video data.

6.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to obtain image data for a frame of the video data identified by the index data after editing of the video data.

7.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to compare image data for a frame of the video data identified by index data before editing with a corresponding frame of the video data after editing of the video data.

8.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to determine a frame frequency for the video data corresponding to the index data before editing of the video data.

9.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to determine a frame frequency for the video data corresponding to the index data after editing of the video data.

10.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to compare a frame frequency for the video data before editing with a frame frequency for the video data after editing, the frame frequencies corresponding to the index data.

11.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to initiate re-indexing of at least a portion of the video data in response to determining that at least a portion of the index data is invalid for the video data after editing.

12.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to automatically initiate re-indexing of at least a portion of the video data in response to determining that at least a portion of the index data is invalid for the video data after editing

13.   An index validation method, comprising:

accessing index data for video data prior to editing of the video data;

accessing the video data after editing; and

validating, via a processor, the index data for the video data after editing of the video data.

14.   The method of Claim 13, further comprising determining an indexing scheme for the video data from the index data.

15.   The method of Claim 13, further comprising obtaining image data corresponding to a frame of the video data identified by the index data before editing of the video data.

16.   The method of Claim 13, further comprising obtaining image data corresponding to a frame of the video data identified by the index data after editing of the video data.

17.   The method of Claim 13, wherein validating comprises comparing image data for a frame of the video data before editing of the video data as identified by the index data with a corresponding frame of the video data after editing of the video data.

18. The method of Claim 13, further comprising determining whether the index data defines a time-based indexing scheme for the video data.

19. The system of Claim 13, further comprising determining whether the index data defines a scene-based indexing scheme for the video data.

20. The system of Claim 13, further comprising determining a frame frequency for the video data corresponding to the index data before editing of the video data.

21. The system of Claim 13, further comprising determining a frame frequency for the video data corresponding to the index data after editing of the video data.

22. The system of Claim 13, wherein validating comprises comparing a frame frequency for the video data before editing with a frame frequency for the video data after editing, the frame frequencies corresponding to the index data.

23. The system of Claim 13, further comprising initiating re-indexing of at least a portion of the video data in response to determining that at least a portion of the index data is invalid for the video data after editing.

24. An index validation system, comprising:
means for accessing video data; and
means for validating, via a processor, index data corresponding to the video data after editing of the video data.

25. The system of Claim 24, wherein the validating means comprises means for determining an indexing scheme for the video data.

26. The system of Claim 24, wherein the validating means comprises means for obtaining image data for a frame of the video data identified by the index data before editing of the video data.

27. The system of Claim 24, wherein the validating means comprises means for obtaining image data for a frame of the video data identified by the index data after editing of the video data.

28. The system of Claim 24, wherein the validating means comprises means for comparing image data for a frame of the video data as identified by the index data before editing of the video data with a corresponding frame of the video data after editing of the video data.

29. A computer-readable medium embodying a program of instructions executable by a processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

accessing video data; and

determining whether index data for the video data remains valid after editing of the video data.

30. The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, the method comprising determining an indexing scheme for the video data from the index data.

31. The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, the method comprising comparing image data for a frame of the video data before editing of the video data as identified by the index data with a corresponding frame of the video data after editing of the video data.

32. The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, the method comprising determining an indexing scheme for the video data.

33. The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, the method comprising initiating re-indexing of at least a portion of the video data in response to determining that at least a portion of the index data is invalid for the video data after editing.